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REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEY OF RECORD (37 C.F.R. § 10.40(c))

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The undersigned attorney, on behalf of himself and the other attorneys of record, who are members or associates in the firm of O'MELVENY & MYERS LLP, or who were so listed at the time of their appointment, and on behalf of any attorneys appointed by any of the attorneys on whose behalf this petition is filed, requests the approval of the Commissioner to withdraw as attorneys of record.

The attorneys on whose behalf this request to withdraw is filed include:

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Items pertinent to the request for withdrawal are set forth below.

- 1. <u>Basis For Withdrawal Request</u>. The basis for the request for withdrawal is 37 C.F.R. 10.40(c)(5), the practitioner's client knowingly and freely assents to termination of the employment.
- 2. <u>Notification Of Client</u>: In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 10.40(a), copies of this request are being sent to the Applicants.

At least thirty (30) days remain for the Applicants to take any action due in this case or an appropriate request for extension of time accompanies this request seeking additional time. The attorneys on whose behalf this petition is filed will ensure that the Applicants has sufficient time after approval of this request to reply or employ another to reply to any outstanding requirement of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

3. <u>Number Of Copies Of Request</u>. This request is enclosed in triplicate.

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Further communications regarding this application should be directed to the Applicants at the following address:

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Signature of the authorized attorney on behalf of himself and the other attorneys of record of the withdrawing firm, O'Melveny & Myers LLP.

Date: August 9, 2004

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